

FACT SHEET
Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative
Wait Times Data for Period Ending April 30, 2013

The Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative was launched in April 2010 involving government, surgical teams, health administrators and patient representatives in a high-priority joint effort to streamline surgical processes, improve the quality of patient care and reduce wait times. Wait times information is updated monthly: www.sasksurgery.ca/sksi/progressupdate.html

Number of Surgery Patients Waiting more than 3 Months / 6 Months

Date	Nov. 2007	Apr. 1, 2010	Apr. 30, 2013
Patients Waiting more than 3 Months	15,357	15,341	6,723
Patients Waiting more than 6 Months	10,635	9,875	3,440

Surgery Performance, by Health Region (Nov. 1, 2012 to Apr. 30, 2013)

HEALTH REGION	% of All Surgeries Performed within 3 months ⁽¹⁾	% of All Surgeries Performed within 6 months ⁽¹⁾
Cypress	99%	100%
Five Hills	95%	99.5%
Heartland	95%	99%
Kelsey Trail	84%	96%
PA Parkland	80%	94%
Prairie North	90%	97%
Regina Qu'Appelle	66%	79%
Saskatoon	80%	93%
Sunrise	90%	99%
Sun Country	70%	99%
Provincial	78%	90%

(1) Percentages based on all surgeries performed during the period Nov 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013.

Some Saskatchewan projects contributing to surgery improvements include:

- Two new clinical “pathways” to help patient better navigate their care journey for prostate cancer and pelvic floor conditions, with work underway on acute stroke care and wound care;
- Use of “pooled referrals” to give patients access to the next available specialist in a group;
- Reduction of surgical site infections and provincial implementation of safety protocols;
- Improved patient flow and discharge planning through Lean improvement; and
- Increased capacity to train operating room nurses.

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